

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC
DEGENERATION

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The PTO issued a notice on December 21, 2006, stating that the response filed by Applicants on November 3, 2006 was non-responsive because it included an amendment that attempted to present claims drawn to a different invention than the one previously claimed.

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination with this response. Therefore, the new claims from the November 3, 2006 response should now be in condition for examination. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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